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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Date: JANUARY 31, 2007

Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action dated November 13, 2006.

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